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FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SCIENCE CITY PROJECT AT AHEMDABAD
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have announced to release Rs 41 crores for Science City Project at Ahemdabad (Gujarat);

(b) if so, the time by which the amount is likely to be released;

(c) whether any such financial assistance has been given to other States also for such projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) In May,2001, the then Minister (Tourism & Culture) had announced at the foundation stone laying function of the Science City, Ahmedabad, organized by Govt. of Gujarat that the Central Govt. would assist in setting up the Science City at Ahmedabad to the extent of Rs 41 crores.

(b) A memorandum for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has been circulated amongst various agencies, including Planning Commission, for appraisal. Funds can be released only after the project is approved by Government and it is not possible to indicate the time for release of funds at this stage.

(c) & (d) The Government has agreed in July,1998 to provide financial assistance to the extent of Rs 70 crores for setting up a Science City at Jalandhar (Punjab) .